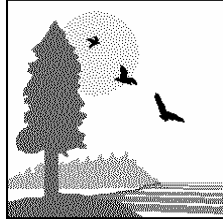


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Revised PRC-421 Pier Removal Project
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CSLC EIR No. 724; W30130

TO THE PARTY ADDRESSED:

This document is the finalizing addendum to the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Revised PRC-421 Pier Removal Project (Proposed Project). This Final EIR has been prepared by the California State Lands Commission (CSLC) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Section 21000 et seq., California Public Resources Code) and in accordance with the *Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act* (Section 15000 et seq., California Code of Regulations, Title 14). The *Guidelines* stipulate that an EIR must be prepared for any project that may have a significant impact on the environment. The Revised PRC-421 Pier Removal Project is a "project" as defined by the *Guidelines*. Upon preliminary review, the CSLC determined that the Proposed Project may have a significant adverse impact on the environment and, therefore, an EIR was required.

This document, together with the Draft EIR (SCH#2001021119) circulated for public review and comment in January 2004, constitute the Final EIR for the Proposed Project. The Final EIR will be used by the CSLC as part of its approval process, including incorporation mitigation measures for project implementation. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMP) is incorporated in Appendix P of the Draft EIR, with revisions shown in Section 4 of this Final EIR.

This Final EIR addresses the potential environmental effects of the Proposed Project and alternatives. The following is a brief summary of the Proposed Project. Atlantic Richfield Company of Los Angeles, CA (ARCO), previously ARCO Environmental Remediation LLC, proposes to remove remnants of a previously demolished pier structure, along with associated seafloor debris, on State of California tidelands lease PRC-421. The PRC-421 Pier Removal Project (Project) was the subject of an EIR distributed for public review in April of 2002 (SCH No. 2001021119). The Project would remove all of the remaining structure(s) and restore the site. During the public review period, the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) commented that the removal of the structure would result in a potentially irreplaceable loss of prime roosting habitat for the California brown pelican, the loss of which was identified as an unavoidable impact in the EIR. As a result, the ARCO, CSLC, CDFG and project consultants collaborated to develop a revised project that provides for removal of derelict components of the facility, and installation of roosting/nesting platforms with quarry rock to provide additional

hard substrate habitat at the site using the toppled caissons as a base to which imported quarry rock will be added.

The Final EIR is available for public inspection at:

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The Final EIR was provided to the California State Clearinghouse; federal, State and local agencies; elected officials; newspapers; and other interested parties who provided scoping comments, commented on the Draft EIR, or wrote to the CSLC asking to receive a copy of the document.

Limited numbers of copies of the Final EIR are also available from Eric Gillies, CSLC, at the address above. The Final EIR is also available for viewing on the CSLC web site at <http://www.slc.ca.gov>.

The CSLC will meet to consider certification of the Final EIR and take action on the Proposed Project at a public meeting on Monday, June 7, 2004, at 2 p.m., El Segundo City Hall, Council Chambers, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245. If you have any questions regarding the CSLC meeting, or wish to testify at the meeting, please contact Eric Gillies at (916) 574-1897.

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